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42. (New) The masonry block of Claim *42* in which at least a portion of the lower surface is planar and parallel to said upper surface.

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43. (New) The masonry block of Claim *42* in which the entire lower surface of the block body is planar.

REMARKS

Original claim 1 is canceled by this preliminary amendment. Original claims 2–29 were canceled upon filing this continuing application. New claims 30–43 are added and are pending. Support for new claims 30–43 may be found in the claims as filed, as well as throughout the specification and Figures.

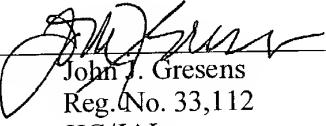
Favorable consideration is requested.

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